



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 20, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
DC Leon Moore
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Robbin Kirkwood-Farrar
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Atty. Letitia Jones

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator **(ABS)**
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Donald Stolberg

Estella Okdie
Amanda Buinette

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of the staff, and Comm. Okdie's wife and daughter.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for December 20, 2007, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for December 6, 2007, and December 13, 2007 were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- Monday, December 24th, and Tuesday December 25th, in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
- The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and Office of the Chief Investigator will be closed December 26th through January 4th, 2008 in observance of New Year's Day. The offices will be open on January 7th, 2008.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings will be held at Police Headquarter on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 27th, 2007.
- Thursday, January 3rd, 2008.

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF SERGEANT LANESHA JONES, BADGE S220, ASSIGNED TO HOMICIDE

On November 7, 2007, the Internal Affairs Alert Team responded to an allegation of Felonious Assault involving off duty Sergeant Lanesha Jones, badge S-220, assigned to Homicide. Sgt. Jones was arrested at Flood's Bar and Grille located at 731 St. Antoine and taken to the Western District. The complainant was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Witnesses observed Sgt. Jones strike the complainant in the face and head with a beer mug, and observed severe facial lacerations and bleeding. The complainant was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital for treatment.

On November 8, 2007, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Alert Team arrived at the Western District and advised Sgt. Jones of her constitutional rights (Miranda).

On November 8, 2007, an Investigator's Report, naming Sgt. Jones as the defendant, was submitted to Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert Donaldson.

On this same date, Judge Deborah Bledsoe-Ford, of the 36th District Court signed a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Sgt. Jones was released on a \$5,000.00 personal bond to Attorney Antonio D. Tuddles pending the issuance of criminal charges.

On November 14, 2007, Sgt. Jones was suspended by Lieutenant John Morell, badge, L-77, assigned to Homicide.

On December 14, 2007, Internal Affairs was notified by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Donaldson that he had signed the Investigator's Report recommending that Sgt. Jones be charged with one (1) count of Felonious Assault and one (1) count of Aggravated Assault.

On December 17, 2007, Magistrate Sidney Barthwell, Jr., of the 36th District Court, signed Felony Warrant #07 69593 for the recommended charges.

On December 18, 2007, Sergeant Jones was arraigned in front of Judge Miriam B. Martin-Clark, of the 36th District Court and released on a \$2,000.00 personal bond. A preliminary examination was scheduled for January 15, 2008.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Sgt. Jones be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3-7.9 CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Sgt. Jones without pay, effective December 20, 2007.

Exec Dir Goss stated there is no one present on behalf of Sgt. Jones.

Comm. Okdie stated is it appropriate to hear from the attorneys at this time or should the Board wait.

Exec Dir. Goss stated since it's a felony case you don't have to wait.

Comm. Okdie stated but the Board members that are present could contravene, but may not.

Exec Dir. Goss stated that's correct.

Comm. Okdie asked will the members that aren't present have an opportunity, or should this be postponed for a later date. He asked does the Board need a quorum to listen to the arguments.

Exec Dir. Goss stated no, they only argue misdemeanors.

Comm. Okdie asked does the Board need a quorum to argue appeals.

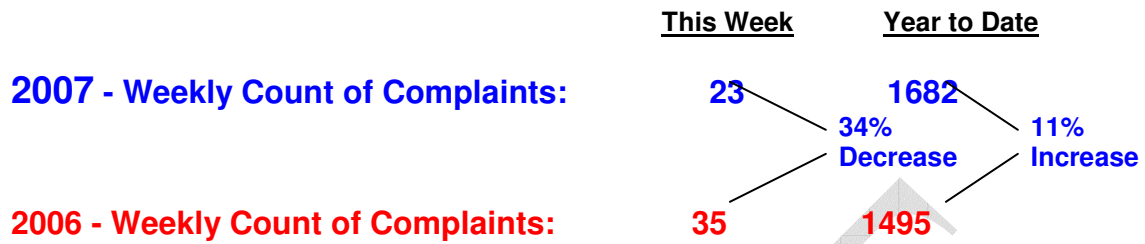
Exec Dir. Goss stated a quorum must be present to argue the appeals and the attorneys have agreed to postpone the arguments.

Comm. Okdie stated okay.

Unless **contravened** by this Board, the suspension without pay will stand.

There were no contraventions.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,277 active investigations, of which 1,025 of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 12/20/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
6	COMMUNICATIONS		3							3	6
5	EASTERN		5								5
4	NORTHEASTERN		4								4
1	NORTHWESTERN						1				1
1	SOUTHWESTERN									1	1
1	TACTICAL SERVICES		1				1				2
1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT			1			1				2
3	Unknown Command		1	1			3			1	6
1	WESTERN			1							1
23		0	14	3	0	0	6	0	0	5	28

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of December 10, 2007 through December 16, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 17 search warrants and 62 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 37 Felony arrests
- 97 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 3,942.40 grams of cocaine, 7 grams of heroin, 592,784.10 grams of marijuana and 4 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 3,960,736.40
- \$ 137,919.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 9 Handguns



Engaging the Community

CENTRAL DISTRICT

On December 12th, officers of the Central District responded to a "B&E in Progress" in the 3900 block of Tillman. Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Larceny over \$1,000, (2) Malicious Destruction of Property over \$1,000, (3) Habitual 4th Degree.



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

• **Next meeting:**
Thursday, December 27, 2007
@ 3:00 P.M.
Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Police / Community Intervention

DECEMBER 20, 2007



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On December 11th, officers of the Northeastern District, while on patrol in the area of Rogge and E. 7 Mile, observed a subject fire several shots from a vehicle. Due to the officers quick response a weapon was confiscated and the subject was apprehended and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, (3) Felonious Assault, (4) Discharge of a Firearm at an Occupied Dwelling, (5) Felony Firearm and Discharge Firearm from a Motor Vehicle.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On December 14th, officers of the Western District, while on patrol in the area of Westmoreland and Trojan, investigated a subject for possession of a handgun. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Carrying a Concealed Weapon, (2) Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Weapon Free School Zone, and (3) Felony Firearm.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On December 10th, officers responded to the 9700 block of Phillip on a domestic dispute. Subsequent to the officers investigation, a subject was arrested. The case was handled by Domestic Violence, and the subject was charged with (1) Felon in Possession, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Felony Firearms, and (4) Habitual 2nd Degree.

WESTERN DISTRICT

On December 10th, officers of the Western District investigated a subject for possession of a weapon in the 2000 block of Ewald Circle. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Home Invasion II, (2) Larceny of Firearm, (3) Larceny from Building.



Chief Bully-Cummings stated she was invited to Washington, DC yesterday to talk to the Director of the FBI about how they can work better with the local Law enforcement agencies. The local office here is working hand-in-hand to help fight violent crimes. She asked for some assistance from the FBI on copper theft that is happening in our city. City Council has passed an ordinance on copper theft, but the State has no law and the copper can be sold in another State.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairperson Holley stated the disciplinary appeals will be rescheduled for another date.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 27, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Moore stated he is here on the behalf of Councilman Kwame Kenyatte, he sends his greetings, and please feel free to call his office if he can be of any help.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb